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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDO
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SUBJECT: Chairman Mica of the International Operations Subcommittee, House Foreign Affairs, seeks CIA assistance in passing Diplomatic Security Act (H.R. 4151)

25X1 1. To counter terrorist threats against U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide, the Administration has introduced a bill titled the "Diplomatic Security Act." Briefly, this legislation would: (1) set forth the responsibility of the Secretary of State with respect to the security of all diplomatic operations; (2) give the Secretary authority to convene accountability review boards to investigate serious injury, loss of life or significant destruction of property at missions abroad; (3) authorize about \$4 billion over five years to implement material security. [redacted]

25X1 2. The first version of the Diplomatic Security Act (H.R. 3946) had several troublesome provisions. This sparked a round of negotiations among all agencies affected. As a result of these negotiations, CIA equities have been satisfied in the new bill, H.R. 4151, which has been referred to the International Operations Subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs. [redacted]

25X1 3. Chairman Mica of that subcommittee called a closed hearing on February 20, 1986, with witnesses from State, AID and USIA testifying. Compartmented information was used by State to justify its needs. A CIA representative observed the hearing and noted that it was cooperative and non-adversarial in manner with Chairman Mica asking all agencies affected to help him pass this bill. He further stated that the House leadership had given the "green-light" on this bill. House floor consideration is targeted for the third week in March. [redacted]

25X1 4. Chairman Mica's chief concern is the astronomical cost
25X1 figures for implementing physical security. In giving examples as to why building construction costs were so high, State's witness mentioned the needs of the CIA [redacted]

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[redacted] In essence, the needs of other agencies can double the construction costs of our embassies. [redacted]

5. After the hearing, Chairman Mica asked that the CIA provide as much support to him so that he could make his case for the bill to the rest of the House when the bill came to the floor. In this connection, I recommend that we cooperate with Chairman Mica by providing cost justification for our needs.

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7s/ David D. Gries

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